

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-8-24**

Date Prepared: August 20, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: August 24, 1998
Business Meeting: August 24, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D97.7.90 – MPC electric restructuring – Discuss/act MPC motion for reconsideration (8/25/98)
2. Dockets N98.7.169, N98.8.172, N98.8.188, N98.8.189 – Electric Supplier License Applications – Discuss/act on license applications (8/25/98)
3. Natural Gas Supplier Licensing – Discussion, direction, and action as necessary on all pending natural gas suppliers licenses (8/25/98)
4. Natural Gas USBP – Update, discussion, direction, and action as necessary on natural gas Universal System Benefits Program (8/25/98)
5. USWC Docket D96.12.220 – USWC rate rebalancing – To get Commission approval of a final order (8/25/98)
6. USWC Docket D96.11.220 – Final USWC pricing docket – Discuss initiating a docket (8/25/98)

7. Montana Tel-Net – To obtain direction on how to handle any Tel-Net customers who don't switch to a new local phone company (8/25/98)
8. OCC Docket D94.2.8 – OCC reduced regulation experiment – Discuss and vote on final order (8/25/98)
9. Public Interest Payphones – Discuss FCC request for states to file a report concerning public interest payphones (8/25/98)
10. Tel-Net Dockets D98.1.8, D98.6.140 & D98.7.151 – Tel-Net applications for ETC designation (D98.1.8) and Tel-Net complaints against USWC (D98.6.140 & D98.7.151) – Discuss and vote on final orders closing dockets (8/25/98)
11. AT&T Docket D96.11.200 – AT&T/USWC agreement – Discuss AT&T's Motion for Clarification (8/25/98)
12. USWC Docket D98.6.125 – Application for Dakota Services, Ltd. for approval of interconnection agreement with USWC (8/25/98)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. HAVRE PIPELINE - Docket D98.6.127 (Denise)

Montana Power Trading & Marketing Company filed for late intervention in this Docket. This will not affect proceedings in this Docket.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N98.7.165 (Kate)

On July 22, 1998, US West Communications filed to introduce LAN Switched Service on a deregulated basis. LAN Switched Service is an interconnection service which uses ATM packet switching technology to provide customers high-speed data connections. No comments or objections have been received. A staff memo has been distributed.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-8-31

New Filings Received in Past Week

- Docket N98.8.188 – Rainbow Energy Marketing Corp – Application for Electricity Supplier License
- Docket N98.8.189 – City of Helena – Application for final Electricity Supplier License
- Docket D98.8.190 – Western Wireless Corporation – Petition for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier